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COUNTY INITIATES COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN
AND ZONING DESIGNATION REVIEW

FREDERICK, MD –The Frederick County Community Development Division has initiated a process for a comprehensive review of the Countywide Plan and Zoning from the 2010 County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update. This process will be open to all property owners and permit property owners to request a change in the land use plan designation and/or the zoning on their property.

Property owners must submit an application requesting a change between June 1 and July 15. An explanation of the process and the application form are available on the Community Development Division web page at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/2011zoningreview.

There is no fee to submit a request. Applicants are encouraged to review various documents including the Countywide Land Use Plan and Zoning Map prior to submitting a request.

The Countywide Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map were previously adopted in April 2010 and serve as the guiding policy document for growth and development in the county. The Board of County Commissioners has expressed concern about the extent of the properties 'down zoned' as a result of the 2010 Plan and other recent regional plans and zoning text amendments.

Information and copies of the 2010 Countywide Plan and Zoning Map are also available through the Community Development Division web page at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/planning and from the Planning and Development Review Department at 30 North Market Street, Frederick, Md.

For further information or for guidance in submitting a request, contact the Department of Planning and Development Review at 301-600-1138.

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